

The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

State Commander Callan Approves Victory Ball To Be Held Night of Nov. 10 at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel

Owsley Pays a Surprise Visit to Dance of New York County Auxiliaries; Gentle Post to Meet

State Commander Albert S. Callan has officially approved the Victory Ball to be held by the New York County Legion at the Waldorf-Astoria on the night of November 10. Commander Callan sent his approval yesterday to the committee arranging the event. It follows:

"The Victory Ball to be held by the New York County organization of the American Legion, at the Waldorf-Astoria on the eve of Armistice Day has my heartiest approval.

"It is the hope of those conducting the affair to raise sufficient funds to properly and adequately assist those who are still suffering from the effects of the war and for whom no armistice has been signed.

"Certainly there could be no worthier or more patriotic appeal than this, and I trust that the loyal citizens of New York will again emphasize their devotion to the men who made possible the ending of the greatest war of all times but four short years ago."

Because of the number of young married women who have wanted to serve on it, the debate committee of the ball, of which Mrs. J. Theus Munds is to be chairman, has now had its title changed to program committee. This program committee will sell the souvenir books of the night.

From the committee's headquarters last night the first announcement was made on this souvenir book. It is to be from 100 to 150 pages in size and will chiefly be a collection of war drawings, contributed by exceedingly eminent black-and-white artists. As a record of American history made possible by the day and as a pictorial collection of memorabilia of the Great War showing the American soldier of to-day and his needs, this Victory Ball souvenir book will be unique and one of the ball's greatest features.

Headed by Harold L. Downey, the ball's executive committee is P. St. George Bissell, Lester M. Brown, Harold A. Content, George L. Darte, Samuel E. Dribben, Anna B. Duncan, Nicholas Engel, Charles Hann Jr., Frank Jefferson, Van M. Logan, H. Allister Morris, Irwin Ira Rackoff, Henry R. Sedgewick, Joseph L. Seligman and Harrison Wright.

The patronesses will be Mrs. Courtland D. Barnes, Mrs. Thomas B. Clarke Jr., Mrs. Paul D. Cravath, Mrs. William Bayard Cutting, Mrs. Henry P. Davison, Mrs. Charles H. Ditson, Mrs. David Dows, Mrs. William Kinney, Draper, Mrs. Harkness, Mrs. William Pierson Hamilton, Mrs. De Lancey Kountze, Mrs. Hunter S. Marsden, Mrs. Edward McVicker, Mrs. Arthur Julian Moulton, Mrs. J. Theus Munds, Mrs. Frank C. Munson, Mrs. John T. Pratt, Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, Mrs. Francis Rogers, Mrs. J. Mayhew Wainwright, Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, Mrs. Frank S. Witherbee and Mrs. Arthur Woods.

The Victory Ball committee has headquarters at Room 133, Waldorf-Astoria, where tickets for this event may be purchased.

Marine Post Meeting
The November meeting of United States Marine Post, 300, will be a combination dinner and meeting and will be held at Yates Restaurant, Forty-third Street just east of Broadway, at 7:30 p. m., on Thursday evening, November 2.

Delano Post Meets Friday

There will be a meeting of the Jane A. Delano Post next Friday evening at the Central Club for Nurses, 132 East Forty-fifth Street. The program calls for reports on the state and national conventions, a report from the nominating committee and the acceptance of nominations from the floor.

Callan Will Speak To-night

State Commander Albert S. Callan will address the members of the Adirondack Post of Saratoga this evening on the evening of November 4 he will speak before the members of the Minkler Seery Post at Philmont, when that post will have a dinner.

Owsley Visits Auxiliaries

While a dance of the New York County Auxiliaries was in progress last week at the Hotel Pennsylvania, the newly elected national commander of the Legion, Alvin Owsley, walked in. He was accompanied by a number of foreign veterans who were delegates to the Federation of Veterans' convention held in New Orleans in conjunction with the Legion convention.

Special Meeting Called

There will be a special meeting of the David W. Gentle Post to-morrow

evening at 411 East 143d Street. The special meeting will take the place of the meeting scheduled for the night of November 7, which will be Election Day. Adjutant Michael J. Maloney has prepared a novel program, which, he says, does not include any speeches.

Young Post Smoker

Members of the Colonel Charles Young Post are looking forward with interest the night of November 8, when the post will have a smoker at its headquarters, 2350 Seventh Avenue. Thomas H. Walters, commander of the post, and Sol Butler, one of the state's representatives in the national athletic meet held in New Orleans, will report on the happenings of the convention.

Convention Delegates Dined

The officers and executive committee of the 107th Infantry Post tendered a dinner to the members of the post who attended the national convention at New Orleans. The honored members included Colonel Engel, post commander; Colonel Wade H. Hayes, commanding the 107th Infantry, N. Y. N. G.; Major Thomas J. Brady, chairman New York County committee, and Lieutenant Colonel H. J. Taylor, chairman Westchester County committee. The dinner was held in the mess hall at the 7th Regiment Armory, the headquarters of the post.

The annual memorial service in honor of the men of the 107th Regiment, United States Infantry, who passed on in the war, will be held at 3 p. m. on Armistice Day, November 11, at the Brick Presbyterian Church, Thirty-seventh Street and Fifth Avenue. All one-time members of the 7th and 107th regiments, their relatives and friends, are particularly invited to attend.

Queens County Dance

A reception and ball will be given by the Queens County branch of the American Legion at the Hotel Pennsylvania next Thursday evening. A committee of active members has been working out the plans for what promises to be one of the most successful events in the history of the Queens County Legion. It is expected that State Commander Callan and C. W. A. Annon, the first vice-commander and former chairman of Queens County, will be among the guests.

Bryan Post Wants Clubhouse

John Fraser Bryan Post has under consideration the purchase of a ten-room house on Grand Avenue in the Fordham section, which it will use as its permanent quarters. John Fraser Bryan Post is one of the largest posts in the Bronx. It offers to all ex-service men not already affiliated with a Legion post all that the Legion has to offer, and in addition offers them a place to voice their opinions regarding the ex-service man and his requirements.

Slosson Post Smoker

James S. Slosson Post, 53, of St. George, S. L., will hold its fourth annual smoker on Armistice Night, November 11, at the Staten Island Coliseum. A professional vaudeville show will be given in the evening, consisting of Bobby Gleason, welterweight champion of the 27th Division; Al Roberts, Staten Island's heavyweight champion; Billy Murphy and Gene Smith, both members of Slosson Post; Frankie Fleming and others. Valuable door prizes will be given the holders of the lucky numbers. A dinner for post members and their friends will follow the smoker.

The committee, of which Edward T. Giefer is chairman, promises to make this affair the greatest in the post's history.

Denver Teacher, 59, Held On Story of Girl of 16

Father of Six Spends Night in Jail; 15 Other Pupils Said To Be Involved

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
DENVER, Oct. 29.—Ira N. Crabb, fifty-nine years old, a teacher in East Denver High School, was released on \$1,000 bond to-day after spending a night in jail on charges preferred by a sixteen-year-old girl. He was arrested on order of Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of the Juvenile Court, who refused to name the girl.

Fifty other girls pupils of Crabb are said to be involved in stories told the juvenile court officials of alleged improprieties by Crabb. Judge Lindsey said to-day:

"There is one difficulty in protecting these young girls that I feel it my duty to point out. It is the timidity of the churches and schools to permit the public discipline of such offenders when they are connected with their institutions. For example, recently two of the worst offenders in this regard have been connected with two of the most fashionable and best known churches. In both cases the church authorities did everything they could to suppress the facts and both culprits were allowed to resign and went to other cities."

Crabb is married and the father of six children.

Mrs. Gibson Dares Widow To Face Her

(Continued from page one)

I want to keep out of the limelight. I have already been threatened in a letter with a bullet, and I don't want any more threats. An effort has been made to buy my silence.

"While I fear threats and shrink at attempts to keep me quiet, I will tell the truth whatever the cost to my personal safety. I do not care how powerful the influences against me are. My life will stand investigation, however hard my detractors try to denounce my story, which Judge Mott has told you is entirely credible.

"I know that the blood of Judas runs through modern veins. That is my answer to neighbors who deem me and say I am an imaginative liar. They have the cross all fixed for me and they think they have me tied to the cross, but they haven't got the hammer and they haven't got the nails, and they can't nail me to the cross.

To Stand by Story
"I will stand by what I told the authorities. I did not at first tell the prosecutor about my return trip to the Phillips farm at 1 o'clock in the morning. I was afraid, though, that when I got on the witness stand counsel for the defense would demand to know how I knew the woman I saw there was Mrs. Hall. I planned to tell then of how, because I was worried by what I had seen in Derussy's Lane, I returned to the Phillips farm and in the light of the rising moon, made out this woman at the crab apple tree, the same woman I had seen there before.

"Perhaps if I had been pressed I would not have withheld the details of the second trip, but the prosecutor did not ask me for details. To those who say I lie my answer is that my wife will bear me out as to the whole of the house the second time I left. "I am sorry for the woman I identified. If she had frankly admitted she was there to defend her home I would have felt a deep sympathy for her. But the hand of Providence and destiny has guided me and I will tell the truth. I will tell on the stand what I saw. I have not disclosed all. Wait and see. Murder will out."

Called Bible Her Church

Mrs. Gibson hung up the receiver. Her statement to-day was the first admission from any one that she had not told about the second visit in her original story. This was suspected, but had not been admitted by any official. In her first talk with newspaper reporters Mrs. Gibson was asked about her church affiliations. She replied that she had "a good Bible" in the house and that this served her as a church. To-day she referred to herself as a "woman of God and the Church."

Whatever value Prosecutor Mott may attach to Mrs. Gibson's story and her identification, it is known that some of the investigators are working on what are described as "old clues," leads that were passed over early in the investigation because they were not regarded as important. One official disclosed to-day that it has been established with some degree of certainty that Dr. Hall rode to the end of the East 42nd Avenue streetcar line on the night he was murdered. Some of his wife's relatives contended and still do contend that he could not have gone out to the Phillips farm without having been recognized by some one on the way. They have predicated on this belief that they that he was taken to the farm forcibly, probably in an automobile.

One man, it was learned, has told the authorities of having seen Dr. Hall walking with a woman somewhere near the spot where he was killed. This man is William O'Rourke, of 16 Central Avenue, New Brunswick. He is a paving contractor.

"I was driving in Easton Avenue about 9 o'clock that Thursday night with my wife," said Mr. O'Rourke yesterday. "Between the terminus of the trolley line and Landing Lane we saw a man I believe was Dr. Hall—I knew him—walking with a woman."

"There was something—I have told the authorities what it was—that caused me to comment about them to my wife. I told Prosecutor Stricker's detectives about this early in the investigation. About a week ago the state troopers came to see me and asked me to tell them what it was we had seen."

Drawn by Woman's Face

"Something about the woman's face drew the attention of my wife, but what it was I do not wish to say. If the authorities wish to tell, let them," Mr. O'Rourke would not say whether the "something" was that Mrs. Mills was crying. He went on to say:

"The man certainly looked a lot like Dr. Hall. I have fixed the time as about 9 o'clock because I know that we shot down Landing Lane, crossed the bridge, performed an errand and then hurried back and were in time for the second film show. If I had been a little later I'd probably have seen it all."

O'Rourke said that the more he and his wife discussed the incident the more they were convinced that their information should be of value to the investigators. They were disappointed when nothing came of their "tip," but

grew hopeful again when they were interviewed by state trooper.

Some additional information concerning the time of the shooting has been given by Norman R. Tingle, who is employed as a clerk in the Strong Hardware Company here. Tingle and his wife live in a cottage in Easton Avenue beyond De Russy's Lane and about 300 yards from the spot where the bodies were found.

"It was home only one night that week and that was Thursday," said Mr. Tingle yesterday.

Saw Shooting Star

"I remember because I had some repairs to make about the house. After I had finished my wife and I went on the front porch. It was 9 o'clock when we went out. There was no moon but there were plenty of stars shining. While we were talking we saw a shooting star and my wife recalled the superstition that this meant that some one was going to die. I laughed at it and then in a little while we heard a woman scream, but my wife started to speak and then stopped as we heard a shot. Several other reports followed the first. It must have been around 10 o'clock."

Another clue that did not receive much attention from the county detectives was disclosed to newspaper men to-day by Otto Von Till, a confectioner, who lives at 100 Bayard Street. About two weeks ago a negro named Charles Anderson, who is employed by him, told Mr. Von Till of a negro who wished to dispose of an old watch for \$110.

Failed to Get Watch

Mr. Von Till said that when the watch was described to him as an old timepiece in a hunting case, ornately engraved, it occurred to him that it might be Dr. Hall's missing watch. He told Anderson to get hold of the watch on the pretext that he wanted to have it valued by a pawnbroker, but the ruse failed.

Then Mr. Von Till went to the courthouse and was directed to tell his story to Detective Ferguson. Instead of accepting Von Till's suggestion that a pseudo purchaser be sent to get the watch, Ferguson went himself to see Mrs. Alice Williams, a negress, and demanded to see the watch. He told her that her husband had sold it, and Ferguson returned to the courthouse.

Reporters went to see Mr. and Mrs. Alice Williams yesterday. "Yes, I did have a watch," admitted Williams, a big black man, "but it wasn't worth more than \$10. Where'd I get it? Well, I tell you: I was standing down the street and a white man came along and offered me a ring; wanted me to buy it, but I didn't want no ring. Then he offered to pawn a watch with me. I gave him \$5 for it. Then I got into a rage game and put up the watch until I could get me some money. Then I went back and got the watch and then that same white man comes along again and says he wants his watch. I gave it to him. He gave me my money."

"Where's that white man now, Alice?" he was asked.

"Well, when he gave me the watch he says to me 'So long, I'm off to Philly.' I don't know his name."

Mills Believes Mrs. Gibson

James Mills, husband of the singer murdered with Dr. Hall, has embraced the story told by Mrs. Gibson with an enthusiasm that is rarely displayed by him.

"There may be something to that," he said to-day. "Her story sounds all right to me."

"You don't believe that it was peculiar that Mrs. Gibson was at the Phillips farm in the middle of the night?"

"No, I don't. It doesn't matter what she was doing there. What counts is what she heard and saw. I know some people think I pulled that trick, but I should worry. I'm not afraid of any body and I don't care how many letters I receive accusing me and calling me a skunk and everything. I had nothing to do with it and the prosecutors know I didn't."

"Why don't you ask them to eliminate you?"

Mills Eager To Visit Farm

"Why should I? It would only look bad. I have nothing to conceal and you don't see me hiding or barricading myself like Mrs. Hall. I go about my business in the usual manner and as

soon as the crowds stop pointing at me I'm going out to the Phillips farm."

"Why do you want to do that?" "Well I've got just as much curiosity about that crab-apple tree as any one else."

Mills must hurry if he wants to see even a splinter of that tree. Sight-seers cut it down to a six-inch stump this afternoon and at dark a couple of motorists were whizzing away at the stump. Thousands of persons tramped over the farm to-day, tried to break into the house and attached to themselves all sorts of odd souvenirs of the double murder.

Alleged Park Row Opium Den Raided; 3 Arrested

Chinese Held for Possession of Narcotic; Man Charged as Heroin Vender

Police Department narcotic detectives, operating under the direction of Special Deputy Commissioner Dr. Carleton Simon, yesterday raided what purported to be a clubroom on the second floor of 194 Park Row. Behind the barred doors of the place the detectives found a complete opium den, it is charged. Three Chinese were arrested.

The suspects are described as Long Ton, of 194 Park Row, alleged proprietor; Lo Tai, of 14 Pell Street, and Lung Chung, of the Pell Street address. The men are charged with possessing opium. Detectives Hackett, Addy and Wolf, who made the raid, said that a quantity of the drug was found on each of the three prisoners.

The suspects are described as Long Ton, of 194 Park Row, alleged proprietor; Lo Tai, of 14 Pell Street, and Lung Chung, of the Pell Street address. The men are charged with possessing opium. Detectives Hackett, Addy and Wolf, who made the raid, said that a quantity of the drug was found on each of the three prisoners.

Magistrate Moses E. using official ballots hearing Mayfield's name, came too late for action, Mr. Staples declared to-day.

Two Slain in 50c Hold-Up

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Oct. 29.—A rifle

bullet, fired as the result of an alleged 50-cent hold-up, took the lives of two men here to-day, and Jake Miller, traced by bloodhounds, is in jail at Point Marion charged with the shooting.

Police say Joseph Brown held up Miller and obtained 50 cents, and Miller found Brown later in a card game at New Geneva and fired at him. The ball passed through Brown's heart and continued on through Edgar Blair's head, killing both instantly.

Deer Killed Near Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 28.—A big buck deer, weighing 203 pounds, was shot within twenty miles of Syracuse yesterday by Frank Harrington, a farmer of Constantia.

Harrington bagged his game about two miles north of Constantia, a town seventeen miles from here. This is believed to be the closest point to this city that deer have been brought down.

Supreme Judges May Try Murder Conspiracy Case

Could Pass on Disbarment Proceedings Against H. B. Wolf, Is Suggestion

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
BALTIMORE, Oct. 29.—Five judges will preside at the trial of Harry B. Wolf, leading criminal lawyer, beginning to-morrow on charges of conspiracy growing out of the murder of William B. Norris, unless he elects to be tried by jury. It had been suggested the entire Supreme Bench of Baltimore sit in the case because those jurists might pass upon disbarment proceedings against Wolf, the evidence in which is the same as that in the conspiracy case.

Walter Sobelow, who was caught in New York and convicted last week and sent to Maryland Penitentiary for life as one of the murderers, and "Hit-off" Keller are named jointly with Wolf in the indictment. Wolf will be tried upon the charge of "conspiracy to obstruct the due administration of justice."

Robert F. Leach Jr., State's Attorney, will tell the court that Wolf was the covert power which planned to throw the police upon the wrong scent in their pursuit of the murderers of Norris. He will attempt to show that John Keller, the boy friend of Sobelow and "Jack" Hart, who told the police a false story of the movements of the hiding murderers, was coached and directed by Wolf.

Mayfield's Name on Ballot

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 29.—The injunction granted at Fairfield Saturday re-

straining S. L. Staples, Secretary of State, from certifying the name of Earle B. Mayfield, Democratic nominee for United States Senator, for the general election ballot and restraining county election boards from using official ballots bearing Mayfield's name, came too late for action, Mr. Staples declared to-day.

FIN - KERRY

IN DEVELOPING THE FIN-KERRY OVER-GARMENT FINCHLEY HAS EMPLOYED INCOMPARABLE FABRICS OF HIS OWN SELECTION. LIGHT WEIGHT OR HEAVY.

FORTY DOLLARS AND MORE

READY-TO-PUT-ON

TAILORED AT FASHION PARK

CUSTOM FINISH WITHOUT THE ANNOYANCE OF A TRY-ON

FINCHLEY

5 West 46th Street NEW YORK

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

bullet, fired as the result of an alleged 50-cent hold-up, took the lives of two men here to-day, and Jake Miller, traced by bloodhounds, is in jail at Point Marion charged with the shooting.

Police say Joseph Brown held up Miller and obtained 50 cents, and Miller found Brown later in a card game at New Geneva and fired at him. The ball passed through Brown's heart and continued on through Edgar Blair's head, killing both instantly.

Deer Killed Near Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 28.—A big buck deer, weighing 203 pounds, was shot within twenty miles of Syracuse yesterday by Frank Harrington, a farmer of Constantia.

Harrington bagged his game about two miles north of Constantia, a town seventeen miles from here. This is believed to be the closest point to this city that deer have been brought down.

Supreme Judges May Try Murder Conspiracy Case

Could Pass on Disbarment Proceedings Against H. B. Wolf, Is Suggestion

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
BALTIMORE, Oct. 29.—Five judges will preside at the trial of Harry B. Wolf, leading criminal lawyer, beginning to-morrow on charges of conspiracy growing out of the murder of William B. Norris, unless he elects to be tried by jury. It had been suggested the entire Supreme Bench of Baltimore sit in the case because those jurists might pass upon disbarment proceedings against Wolf, the evidence in which is the same as that in the conspiracy case.

Walter Sobelow, who was caught in New York and convicted last week and sent to Maryland Penitentiary for life as one of the murderers, and "Hit-off" Keller are named jointly with Wolf in the indictment. Wolf will be tried upon the charge of "conspiracy to obstruct the due administration of justice."

Robert F. Leach Jr., State's Attorney, will tell the court that Wolf was the covert power which planned to throw the police upon the wrong scent in their pursuit of the murderers of Norris. He will attempt to show that John Keller, the boy friend of Sobelow and "Jack" Hart, who told the police a false story of the movements of the hiding murderers, was coached and directed by Wolf.

Mayfield's Name on Ballot

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 29.—The injunction granted at Fairfield Saturday re-

straining S. L. Staples, Secretary of State, from certifying the name of Earle B. Mayfield, Democratic nominee for United States Senator, for the general election ballot and restraining county election boards from using official ballots bearing Mayfield's name, came too late for action, Mr. Staples declared to-day.

FIN - KERRY

IN DEVELOPING THE FIN-KERRY OVER-GARMENT FINCHLEY HAS EMPLOYED INCOMPARABLE FABRICS OF HIS OWN SELECTION. LIGHT WEIGHT OR HEAVY.

FORTY DOLLARS AND MORE

READY-TO-PUT-ON

TAILORED AT FASHION PARK

CUSTOM FINISH WITHOUT THE ANNOYANCE OF A TRY-ON

FINCHLEY

5 West 46th Street NEW YORK

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL

POLITICAL